

Devotion: The Power Of Loyalty

Ruth 1:1-22

Ruth: Devotion, Redemption and Sovereignty, Part 1

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I) RUTH: A STORY OF DEVOTION, REDEMPTION & SOVEREIGNTY (survey)

- 1) Authorship: An unknown author who was very skilled during the era of the Kings of Israel.
- 2) Setting: During the era of the judges. (1375 – 1050 B.C.)
- 3) Background: It was a time of religious ____DEGENERACY____.
It was a time of national ____DISUNITY____.
It was temporary time of ____PEACE____ between Israel and Moab, historically classic enemies.
- 4) Purpose: To show that God is totally and continually in _CONTROL_ of all human events in spite of appearances.
To give us a beautiful picture of ____REDEMPTION____.
To give us an outstanding example of ____DEVOTION____.
- 5) Outline: See book chart on reverse side.

II) THE MAIN CHARACTERS:

- 1) Elimelech; Naomi; Ruth and Orpah, Boaz:
- 2) GOD, although he remains almost imperceptible the whole story is about His sovereign plan being fulfilled.

III) DEVOTION AND LOYALTY: FOUNDATIONS FOR GODLY LIVING

- 1) HARD times happen to God's People (Ruth 1:1-5)
- 2) Live a life WORTHY of devotion (Ruth 1:6-14)
- 3) DEVOTE yourself to God and His people. (Ruth 1: 15-18)
- 4) TRUST God when life hurts. (Ruth 1:19-22)